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Sri K. P. Gopalan : The Hon. the Minister for Finance said that the Thiyyas in South Malabar are more backward than those Thiyyas in North Malabar. But in my constituency—Payyanur and in other places in North Malabar—I know perfectly well that they are in a very backward condition. May I know whether the Government will be pleased to examine this matter and see that concessions are extended to Thiyyas in North Malabar also?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam : Let there be no competition to claim backwardness. In this case, after all, the Government have examined the whole matter and have come to the conclusion that comparatively the Thiyyas in South Malabar are worse off. That is why this concession has been granted to them.

Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar : The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that the Thiyyas of South Malabar are advanced educationally and socially. May I remind the Hon. Minister that it is a harmful flattery and hurtful fiction and that as a matter of fact the bulk of the community lives by labour in the fields and in the factories and that a large number of them are educationally backward altogether. But, of course, they are just working hard and making a living. There is hardly any distinction between South and North Malabar Thiyyas. Probably the matter was considered last during the British days. Let the matter be reconsidered . . .

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam : No, Sir. This was considered in 1953 and orders had been issued accordingly. There is no use of going on asserting one way or the other. The matter had been considered and the order was issued on 6th April 1953. I think the hon. Member should wait for some more auspices occasion to have this matter reconsidered by the authorities.

Indian Central Oil-seeds Committee

* 2603 *Q.*—Sri K. Aranganathan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 1385 on 16th March 1955—

(*a*) whether the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee conduct research on oilseeds in our State;

(*b*) whether the result of such research is published in the regional language for the benefit of the growers of oilseeds in our State?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Sri K. Aranganathan : May I just request the Hon. Minister to publish all the reviews of the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee in Tamil? As the yield per acre has gone down considerable in Tamilnad and particularly in South Arcot district, the ryots may take advantage of the suggestions to increase the yield given by the Committee if they are published in Tamil also.

[a] **Printed as Appendix IV on pages 105–106 infra.**

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Summaries of these reports are published in the regional languages. Therefore they will also be published in Tamil.

MR. SPEAKER: Starred questions Nos. 2604 to 2606. All these questions will be taken up together.

B.C.G. vaccination

* 2604 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether a copy of the report of the committee which examined the alleged adverse re-actions of B.C.G. vaccination in Coimbatore district will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: A copy of the report was already placed on the table of the House—vide answer to the starred question No. 2112 answered on 19th August 1955.

* 2605 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a girl by name Dhanalakshmi, aged 17, had B.C.G. vaccination in the third week of May at Tiruchirappalli;

(*b*) whether ten days hence, her eye-sight was affected and became impaired;

(*c*) whether her father Krishnaswami Naidu took her to the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, and consulted a lady doctor there regarding the eye-sight of the girl;

(*d*) the action taken by the Government in the case;

(*e*) whether the girl was admitted into the hospital for treatment and how and for what she was treated; and

(*f*) what does the report of the District Medical Officer, if any, disclose in this case?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) The girl Dhanalakshmi was only tuberculin tested on 17th May 1955. She was not vaccinated with B.C.G.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) She is reported to have developed jaundice and attended as an out-patient in the Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, on 8th June 1955. It is not known whether her father took her to the hospital. The Honorary Assistant Medical Officer of the Eye department reports that she had intense jaundice but no defective vision. The jaundice is reported to have cleared.

(*e*) No, Sir.

(*f*) The report of the District Medical Officer indicates that the girl had no defective vision but had intensive jaundice.